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Review of NSA, 

1.  NSA has proposed that a series of meetings be held 19 March to 22 March 1956 for consumers of NSA reports. These meetings are intended to help NSA plan its research program for the period 1 April - 30 June 1956.

2. Copies of the NSA program were distributed to the branches this week and the Branch Chiefs met on 14 March to determine  interests. In addition representatives were named for the various meetings. (See schedule below). Clearance with NSA for the personnel involved was begun this morning  and should be in order by 19 March.

3. Each representative should be prepared to present the Division's need for reports in the specialized fields. The discussions should give some indication of our continuing needs in addition to those in the forthcoming quarter. These talks do not represent levies of formal requirements, but certainly will show NSA and the community our need for and interest in the NSA program.

4. Some curtailment of the projected program must be made due to priority demands on NSA personnel and facilities. While this curtailment is temporary it does present us with the necessity of examining our information requirements. As consumers of NSA's product we must point out our continuing needs and be willing to see an elimination of non-essential reporting.

5. Each  representative should read the copy of the NSA program before attending the meetings. Certain branches are also preparing a combined approach.

6.  CIA Representative at NSA, will be present at most, if not all, meetings and should be looked to for any "on-the-spot" guidance.

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The Schedule

Monday, 19 March

0930 hrs.

Tuesday, 20 March

0930 hrs.

1100 hrs.

Thursday, 22 March

0930 hrs.

1300 hrs.

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